2004 Report of Accomplishments South Douglas Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 - Summary

- Provided no-till equipment to area farmers 888 acres tilled using the equipment.
- Awarded 4 cost share projects. Terraces in dryland farmland and improvement of irrigation systems in orchards. Due to weather, most projects to be completed in fall of 2004

Mission of the South Douglas Conservation District

 Maintain and improve natural resources, particularly soil and water, in southern Douglas County through cooperative education, demonstrations, and voluntary participation.

Water Quality Implementation

- By having the equipment available to district operators, less soil and wind erosion occurred. 888
 acres tilled. New ripper purchased for use by cooperators.
- Annual Tree and Shrub sale. Plants for windbreaks, erosion control, wildlife enhancement and beautification are available. Native and adaptive plants.

Basic Funding

 Basic funding used to fund activities not covered by implementation grant. Administrative expenses, tree sale expenses, travel not covered by grants.

Local Funding

 Douglas County allotment (\$2,500) used for education expenses (annual meeting and NCW Fair booth) as well as administrative expenses.

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

• Foster Creek Conservation District acts as lead entity for Watershed planning and similar activities in Douglas County. South Douglas supervisors or employees serve on the boards or committees.

Information & Education

- Work with Foster Creek Conservation District, NRCS and FSA to produce quarterly newsletter, Conservation Voices, which is sent to 900 persons/organizations in Douglas County and interested parties.
- Hosted the NCW Envirothon at Badger Mountain, outside Waterville WA. 14 teams from Douglas, Chelan, and Okanogan Counties participated. Participated in WA State Envirothon.
- No till demonstration day in September, presenting various equipment that is available
- Annual meeting with 60 people attending, with pesticide credits available.
- North Central Washington Fair booth promotes conservation education and the District's programs.

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